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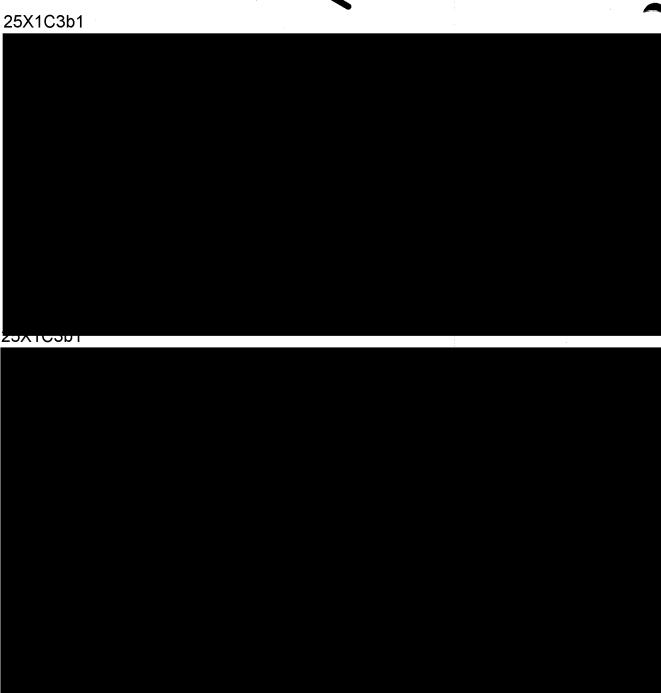
Perpetrators of La Guardia Bombing Unknown

At present there is no evidence that any international terrorist group was responsible for the 29 December bomb explosion at New York's La Guardia airport. Two press services reported receiving anonymous telephone calls attributing the bombing to the Palestine Liberation Organization, and one caller was quoted as saying, "TWA flies to Israel. Death and destruction shall be the penalty for those who deal with the Zionist state." Security authorities have no evidence of Palestinian involvement, however, and the PLO issued a vehement The PLO itself would have no motive for such a terrorist act just before the upcoming UN General Assembly session, in which the PLO will participate. While one of the radical fedayeen groups that want to prevent a peaceful Middle East settlement might conceivably use such methods, the Kennedy international airport or a trans-Atlantic aircraft would seem a more likely target. An organization dedicated to discrediting the Palestinians, such as the Jewish Defense League, probably would use less drastic means. In any case, there is no evidence that any of these groups or any other foreign terrorist organization is involved. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Mercedes Benz Executive Freed in Argentina

On 24 December Franz Metz, the production manager of the Mercedes Benz subsidiary in Argentina who was kidnapped on 24 October during a labor dispute, was set free by his Montonero

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captors for a large but undisclosed amount of ransom. After his release, Metz returned to West Germany. (The kidnapping was reported in the 28 October issue.) As part of the ransom, Mercedes Benz made labor concessions at the local subsidiary and also paid for advertisements in the world press which spelled out the Montonero position and which also said that Argentina was heading toward a civil war. The Montoneros' advertisement appeared in newspapers in Europe, Latin America and North America, including the 24 December issue of The

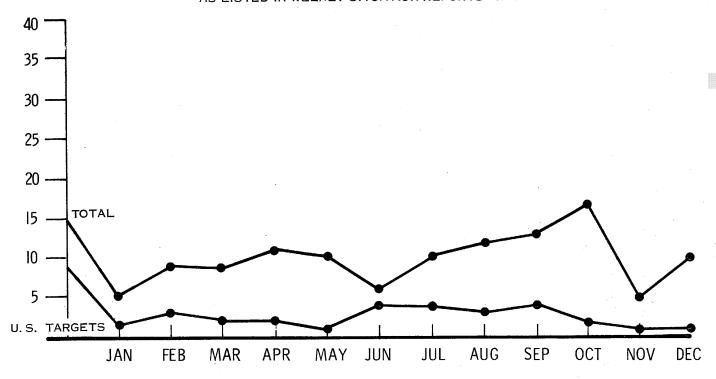


Revival of Anti-Basque Terrorism in Southern France

The French press has reported four bomb incidents on 21-22 December in the French Basque region. Near the Spanish border at Hendaye a car with a Spanish license plate was blown up. In St. Jean de Luz the office of a municipal council member was bombed. A nearby building reportedly had been a meeting place

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Date:

23 December 1975

Place:

Greece, Athens

U.S. Official Assassinated Richard Welch, Special Assistant to the U.S. Ambassador in Athens, Greece was assassinated by three unidentified assailants on 23 December.

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Date:

5 January 1976

Place:

The Philippines, Manila

JAL Aircraft Seized
A Japan Air Lines aircraft
was seized at Manila international airport by two
Filipinos armed with handguns and explosives. They
demanded a free ride to Japan.
The two surrendered to authorities 12 hours after seizing
the plane. (See Articles.)
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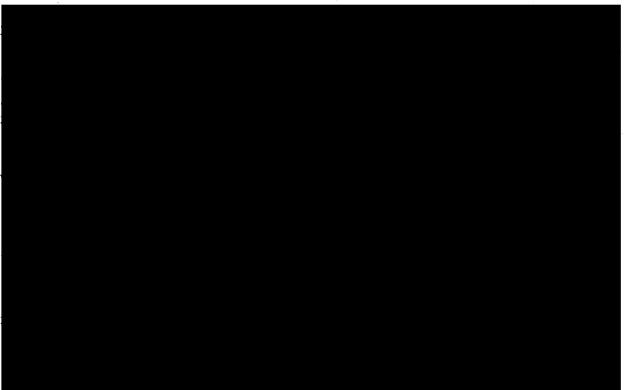
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Attempted Bombing of the United Nations Building and the Iraqi Mission to the UN

Three pipe bombs placed in a large paper shopping bag were discovered adjacent to the United Nations building by a Metropolitan Transit Authority employee at approximately 11:00 a.m. on 12 January. Appropriate authorities were contacted and the New York City bomb squad dismantled the device, which was made up of three separate pipe bombs set to detonate at 3:00 p.m. At 1:45 p.m. an anonymous caller telephoned the UN switchboard and advised that a bomb would go off at the UN if the Palestine Liberation Organization delegation were permitted to speak. Security Council meeting was scheduled to open at 3:30 p.m. Later, a telephone caller to the Associated Press claimed that the bombs had been planted by the "Jewish Armed Resistance Strike Movement." The caller said "the act was to protest Secretary of State Kissinger's pressure on Israel to accept the

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PLO gangsters." A spokesman for the Jewish Defense League said the movement was an offshoot of the JDL. A New York radio station was called at 2:55 p.m. by a person who claimed that the Young Croatian Republican Army had placed the bombs at the UN because "we have the same rights as the PLO."

On 13 January New York City police found and disarmed a bomb that had been placed in front of the Iraqi mission to the UN. Anonymous telephone callers again claimed that the Jewish Armed Resistance Strike Movement was responsible for placing this bomb. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Dutch Government to Hold Talks with South Moluccan Leaders

A team of Dutch cabinet members will meet with South Moluccan community leaders in mid-January to discuss Moluccan problems. The Dutch government agreed to such talks during negotiations with the terrorists who seized the train in Beilen and the Indonesian consulate in Amsterdam. (See the issues of 16 and 22 December.) The president of the Moluccan "exile government," who was the principal mediator between the terrorists and the Dutch government, will participate in these talks. The Dutch Parliament also will hold debates on terrorist actions and Moluccan problems during the last week of January, after receiving government reports on the handling of the hostage cases and the political aspects of the Moluccan problems. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Date:

9 January 1976

Place:

France, Paris

UNESCO Offices Bombed
Fire bombs were thrown at
the two UNESCO headquarters
buildings in Paris, causing
property damage but no injuries. A group called the
Jewish Self-Defense Front
claimed responsibility for
the attacks. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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POTENTIAL TERRORIST TARGETS IN THE U.S. AND ABROAD

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United Nations Target:

Place: United States,

New York

Date: Current

** The United Nations Security Council opened its debate on the Middle East and voted to allow the PLO to participate in the meeting. Organizations opposed to a peaceful settlement in the Middle East, such as Rejection Front groups, or militant Jewish organizations may choose to initiate terrorist activity at this time to protest or to disrupt the talks. (UN-CLASSIFIED)

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German and Dutch Anti-Terror Measures

On 16 January the West German Parliament approved measures to combat terrorism which set fines and prison terms of up to three years for "written or publicly spoken support of serious crimes." The new measures include three-year maximum terms for perpetrating bomb hoaxes or publishing instructions on how to make bombs or stage terrorist attacks. According to The New York Times, the conservative Christian Democrats said the new amendments to the penal code are not harsh enough, while a minority group in the governing coalition complained that the measures restrict essential freedoms. Parliament acted under pressure from a rightist backlash against bombings, kidnappings and political assassination by anarchist urban guerrillas such as the Baader-Meinhof gang.

The Dutch government has announced the establishment of a small detective force, led by a special prosecutor, to trace terrorist crimes. According to a 16 January Associated Press report, the government made this announcement to the Parliament, which is reviewing the two recent terrorist attacks carried out in the Netherlands by South Moluccans. The statement added that there is a "need for additional penal legislation enabling the government to make punishable conspiracy to commit serious offenses." (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Austria Drops Request for Extradition of OPEC Terrorists

The Austrian government decided at a 14 January cabinet meeting not to pursue any further its request for extradition of the terrorists who seized the OPEC ministers in Vienna. (See the issues of 6 and 13 January.) A cabinet communique dated 17 January states that Austria asked Algeria to extradite the terrorists, but the Algerians cited the absence of an extradition agreement with Austria. The communique adds that the Algerian refusal is "further understandable for political reasons since the Algerian government, through its readiness to accept the terrorists, had contributed to avoiding further bloodshed." Austrian Chancellor Kreisky had previously expressed similar sentiments in a press statement on 13 January, specifically thanking Algeria for its assistance. Kreisky added that Austria is ready to work with others in any forum to try to end terrorism, but he believes terrorism will end only when its underlying causes are removed.

The Austrians' kind words for Algeria probably were meant to make amends for their unsuccessful attempt to shift to Algeria the responsibility for the terrorists' escape. It is unlikely that Austria sincerely wanted to obtain custody of the 25%/1636/18ts. (UNCLASSIFIED)



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Date:

14 January 1976

Place:

United States, San Francisco

Iranian Consulate Bombed A bomb exploded in the men's restroom adjacent to the Iranian consulate in San Francisco. The blast caused significant property damage and several people were injured. A woman identifying herself as a spokesperson for the "Red Guerrilla Family" had telephoned a warning about the bomb to the news media. A political communique from the Red Guerrilla Family was found which claimed responsibility for the bombing "in defense of the lives of the ten Iranian revolutionaries and in support of the Iranian people's struggle to rid themselves of the CIA-backed Shah." The Red Guerrilla Family has claimed responsibility for previous bombings in the San Francisco area, but nothing is known about its membership. CLASSIFIED)

Date:

16 January 1976

Place:

United States,

New York

Bomb Exploded Outside Polish Consulate General A pipe bomb thrown from a passing car exploded outside the Polish consulate general in New York on 16 January.

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A group calling itself the Jewish Armed Resistance claimed responsibility and said it had planted five similar bombs earlier in the week. (Comment: On 12 and 13 January three pipe bombs were found adjacent to the United Nations and two pipe bombs were found at the Iraqi mission to the UN for which the Jewish Armed Resistance Strike Movement, an offshoot of the Jewish Defense League, claimed credit.) (UN-CLASSIFIED)

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V. Far East

VI. Worldwide

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Target: United Nations

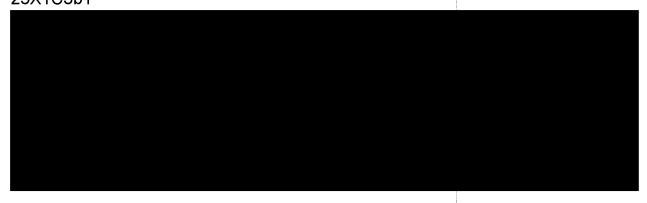
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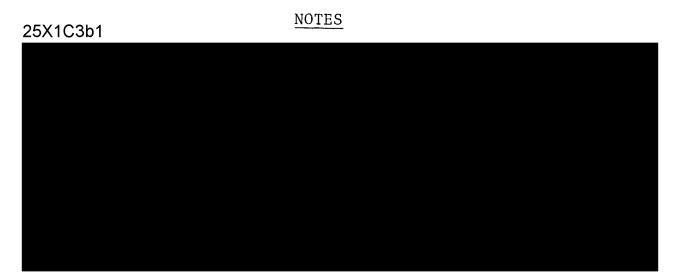
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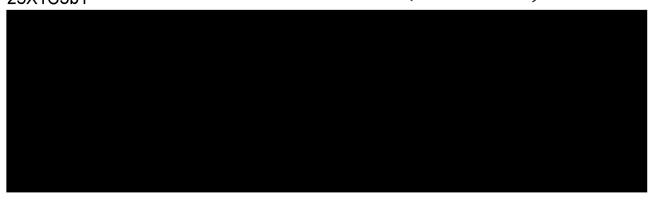
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Bomb Believed Cause of MEA Plane Crash

Investigators have found that a sudden explosion caused the crash of a Middle East Airlines jetliner in the Saudi Arabian desert on 1 January, according to The Washington Star of 26 January. The plane, a Boeing 720B, crashed on a flight from Beirut to Dubai, killing all 82 persons on board. Early press reporting blamed bad weather. A newspaper in Kuwait now reports that American engineers who examined the flight recorder and other evidence have determined that the crash was caused by a sophisticated bomb. An airline spokesman says all other possible causes have been ruled out. As no fedayeen terrorist group has issued any claim to have sabotaged this plane, one alternative explanation is that the bombing was re-



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Anti-Terrorist Provision in New Swedish Aliens Act

The Swedish parliament passed a new aliens act on 15 December, which contains a provision permitting the deportation of terrorists under certain circumstances. The law defines a legitimate political refugee who would be provided sanctuary under normal circumstances. Article 19, however, specifies that an alien may be expelled if "considering his previous activities, it can be reasonably feared that the alien will conduct sabotage, espionage..." in Sweden or other Scandinavian countries, or "if there is good reason to assume that he belongs to or acts for an organization or group...which considering what is known about its activities, can be expected to use violence, threats, or coercion for political purposes outside its homeland, and thus will be guilty of such deeds in this country." Article 20 provides for compiling a list of organizations considered to meet these criteria. Article 21 states that an expulsion may be made until three months after the alien's arrival. The police may immediately announce the decision to expel an alien belonging to one of the listed organizations if he arrives in Sweden without a visa or residence permit, although in certain cases involving possible political persecution or compulsory military service, the police should refer the case to the central aliens authority. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Six Terrorists Escape from Mexican Prison

On 22 January six members of the 23rd of September Communist League escaped from the Jalisco state penitentiary, according to the U.S. consul in Guadalajara, Mexico. They had been convicted of kidnapping, murder and other crimes, and some reportedly were involved in the October 1973 kidnapping of

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Anthony Duncan Williams, an honorary British consul. The escape was assisted by several accomplices outside the prison, and three policemen were killed and two seriously injured while attempting to stop the escapees. (The kidnapping of Williams and a Mexican industrialist was reported in the issues of 17 and 24 October 1973. At that time it did not appear certain that the 23rd of September group was responsible.) (UNCLASSIFIED)

TAB A—Chronology of Significant
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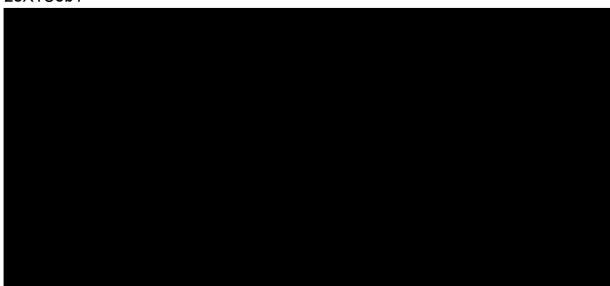
Place:

Argentina, Cordoba British Cultural Institute

Bombed

The British Cultural Institute in Cordoba was bombed on 15 January. There was property damage but no one was injured. The blast was reportedly the work of nationalists protesting against Britain's refusal to recognize Argentine sovereignty over the Falkland Islands. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Date:

21 January 1976

<u>Iranian Embassy Target of</u> <u>Molotov Cocktails</u>

Place:

Italy, Rome

Three Molotov cocktails were thrown at the Iranian embassy

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in Rome on 21 January. It is not known who is responsible. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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TAB B—Terrorists Threats and Plans

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I. Terrorist Threats and Plans:

25X1C3Western Hemisphere, Including the United States

Target: Philippine

Officials

Place: United States

Washington, D.C.

New York

Date: Unknown

** The "Coalition of Anti-Martial Law," a group of several unidentified organizations in the U.S., is planning to kidnap the Philippine ambassador or consul general in New York in order to secure the release of political prisoners in the Philippines, according to information the Philippine consulate in Los Angeles provided to the FBI. The daughter of the Philippine president, who attends school in the U.S., could be an alternate target. Additional protection is being provided to all three.

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Target:

Winter Olympic

Games

Place:

Austria,

Innsbruck

Date:

4-15 February 1976

** The winter Olympic games will be held at Innsbruck, Austria, 4-15 February 1976. The 1972 Olympic games in Munich were

the scene of a fedayeen attack, and there is a possi-

bility that some group might choose another Olympic event for a terrorist attack. (UN-

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Target: United Nations

Place: United States,

New York

Date: Current

The United Nations Security Council is debating the Palestine problem, with PLO participation. Organizations opposed to a peaceful settlement in the Middle

East, such as fedayeen Rejection Front groups or militant Jewish organizations, may choose to initiate terrorist activity at this time to protest or to disrupt the talks. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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